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OVERVIEW

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CP&P works with other agencies -- To best serve children and families under CP&P purview, field Workers often work closely with representatives from local, community, county, and/or other State agencies and external entities.

CP&P Workers, upon providing service, protection and support to New Jersey's children and families in accordance with the agency's mandate, work with law enforcement authorities, medical personnel, mental health practitioners, school administrators, and various other social service entities and service providers.

Field Workers interact with community law enforcement agencies -- At times, CP&P field Workers work directly with law enforcement agencies and authorities.

Local or State police departments, county or state Medical Examiners, and/or County Prosecutor Office Investigators take the lead in interviewing individuals alleged to have committed crimes related to allegations of child abuse/neglect.

Division work with law enforcement agencies may lessen the emotional trauma to children and families being investigated by both civil (CP&P) and criminal (law enforcement) agencies, while avoiding duplication of work between disciplines.

Assistance, protection -- CP&P Workers may also look to local or State law enforcement authorities for assistance and/or protection when intervening in dangerous neighborhoods, with persons known to be violent, in volatile situations, or under other circumstances when an employee's personal safety is of concern.